

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA, PROJECT I – BEACHES AND CREEKS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

PUBLIC HEARING

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday April 25, 2007

San Diego Water Board Hearing Room

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego California 92123-4340

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) is considering a Basin Plan amendment to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria, Project I – Beaches and Creeks in the San Diego Region. This action is being proposed to meet requirements of section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. The Basin Plan amendment process is authorized under section 13240 of the Water Code. The Basin Plan amendment will be a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the San Diego Water Board will be the lead agency. The San Diego Water Board wishes to obtain public input on this matter.

FILING OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Action on the proposed Basin Plan amendment will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare environmental documents under the CEQA [Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*] and other applicable laws and regulations. In compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board's CEQA implementation regulations [23 CCR 3720 *et seq.*] the San Diego Water Board has prepared a technical report, initial draft of the Basin Plan amendment, and environmental checklist form for this project [23 CCR 3776]. These documents will be available for review on March 9, 2007. The documents may be viewed at the San Diego Water Board office, or on the web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>.

PUBLIC HEARING

The San Diego Water Board will hold a public hearing on April 25, 2007, at a meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. The San Diego Water Board will deliberate and consider action on the bacteria TMDLs during a subsequent meeting on June 13, 2007.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to present testimony. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy, testimony should be presented in writing. Submittal of written comments is encouraged. **Written comments are due no later than Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at the close of the San Diego Water Board's public hearing.** Submittal of written comments prior to April 25, 2007, is encouraged. Comments submitted prior to April 19, 2007, at 5 p.m. will be provided to the San Diego Water Board members in advance of the public hearing.

Comments should be submitted in either MS WORD or pdf format by email to: carias@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments on paper may also be submitted, but electronic format is preferred. Comments on paper should be submitted to:

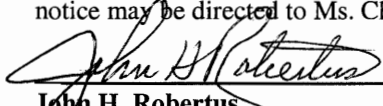
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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Informational documents related to this matter will be available on March 9, 2007, and may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office or on the web page at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb9/>. For additional information please contact Ms. Christina Arias at (858) 627-3931.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parking is available at the workshop and hearing location. See the San Diego Water Board web site for a map to the workshop and hearing location. The workshop and hearing room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to the April 25, 2007 hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Ms. Christina Arias.


John H. Robertus
Executive Officer
March 5, 2007